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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K St NW  
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Re. AB 33 (Sub. No. 153X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

We have not been able to complete negotiations for the acquisition of the above referenced Union Pacific railroad right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa. An offer has been made to purchase this land for use as a trail in an interim period authorized by federal legislation but we have not received a reply from the Railroad as of this date.

We are asking for an extension of time in which to complete these negotiations and ask that the usual period of 180 days be granted, although we are hoping there not be a need for the full amount of this time.

A copy of this letter is being provided to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in both Omaha and Chicago.

We thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-American Trails